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My dear Garrison

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You will have read ere this President Johnson's speech to the Colored men who waited upon him the other day. I inclose an account of it

One of the saddest blunders made by Mr Lincoln during his Presidential career was made in an interview like this with a delegation of Colored men.

That President Johnson has found, these years afterward, amid all the light that now shines upon the subject, to repeat the same blunder, is beyond mine:

standing and utterly without
excuse.

I shall look for a prompt
rebuke of this speech in the
next Liberator.

Nothing since the death
of the President has hurt me
as this speech has done.

I dont ask the President to ~~issue~~ make an unconditional command of his power to
secure negro suffrage, but -
as an honest, just loyal
democracy - hoping man
I did expect & do demand of him,
that he shall express his wish
that the black man have
the rights of citizenship,
- "equal citizenship with
the white man.

- You will have noticed
the resolutions of the Board of

Managers of the Am. F. A. Union

Our idea is that the best "aid" we can give the Black Man is the right to protect himself by the ballot

Justice Edmund Baptist. in all demand that political rights shall no longer be measured by complexion

Ever Yours

F. McKim

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of him.

I thank you again with all my heart for your kindness and able speech on our platform at the Cooper Institute. It did a deal of good, & gave great satisfaction.

Judging from my own
feelings I should say that
both parties to the contest
in the Am. Assocn
were well pleased with
the result. The party in
the minority are entirely
satisfied & come out, &
the party in the majority
are pleased to be in the
possession of the Society.

I am glad that there is
a place - a limbo in which
the impracticables can be
confined. I believe that
they - Abby & Pelham &
Parker et al. Garrison alone
had succeeded a violent affair
for us & had destroyed
the favor of them as part
of an Movement! Think